

## CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

- 1           1.     A system for controlling computer access, the system comprising:  
2                 at least one user profile for at least one respective user, each user profile  
3     indicating access times that the respective user is authorized to access a computer,  
4     wherein each user profile is customizable for the respective user;  
5                 a control unit to regulate user-access to the computer according to the user  
6     profile of a current user of the computer.
- 1           2.     The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time  
2     of day that the current user can access a particular computer application.
- 1           3.     The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of  
2     time that the current user can access a particular computer application.
- 1           4.     The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time  
2     of day that the current user can access an Internet web site.
- 1           5.     The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of  
2     time that the current user can access an Internet web site.
- 1           6.     The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time  
2     of day that the current user can access a content category.
- 1           7.     The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of  
2     time that the current user can access a content category.
- 1           8.     The system of claim 1, wherein each user profile is remotely stored on  
2     a database that is accessible by the World Wide Web.

1           9.     The system of claim 1, further comprising:  
2           a mechanism for generating a request for permission to access information  
3 during a time period that has not been authorized.

1           10.    The system of claim 7, further comprising:  
2           an Internet user interface to display information from the World Wide Web;  
3 and  
4           a server for accessing the database, wherein the Internet user interface displays  
5 a web page from the server that notifies the user that authorization to access the  
6 particular Internet site has been denied if the user is not authorized to access the  
7 Internet site during the time period, the web page providing the mechanism for  
8 generating a request.

1           11.    The system of claim 1, further comprising:  
2           a server for accessing the database, wherein the Internet user interface displays  
3 a web page from the server to create the at least one user profile, the user profile being  
4 stored on the server and the computer.

1           12.    A method to control computer access, comprising:  
2           creating at least one user profile restricting computer access according to time  
3 restrictions for at least one respective user;  
4           storing the at least one user profile on a computer;  
5           identifying a current user of the computer;  
6           receiving a request from the current user for computer access;  
7           checking the user profile of the current user to determine if the current user is  
8 authorized for the computer access at a current time; and  
9           denying access to the Internet site if the current user is not authorized for  
10 computer access at the current time.

1           13.    The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:  
2           requesting permission for computer access at a time period for which the  
3 current user is not authorized.

1           14.     The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:  
2                 remotely accessing the at least one user profile to configure the time  
3 restrictions wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is  
4 accessible by the World Wide Web.

1           15.     The method of claim 12, wherein an administrator of the computer  
2 creates the at least one user profile for other users of the computer.

1           16.     The method of claim 12, wherein the time restrictions include access  
2 times that the respective user of the user profile is authorized to access the computer.

1           17.     The method of claim 16, wherein the access times a specific time of  
2 day that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1           18.     The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of  
2 time that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1           19.     The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific  
2 time of day that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1           20.     The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of  
2 time that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1           21.     The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific  
2 time of day that the respective user can access a content category.

1           22.     The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of  
2 time that the respective user can access a content category.

1           23.     A computer-readable medium for storing a program that controls  
2 computer access, the program comprising the steps of:  
3           creating at least one user profile restricting computer access according to time  
4 restrictions for at least one respective user;  
5           storing the at least one user profile on a computer;  
6           identifying a current user of the computer;  
7           receiving a request from the current user for computer access;  
8           checking the user profile of the current user to determine if the current user is  
9 authorized for the computer access at a current time; and  
10          denying access to the Internet site if the current user is not authorized for  
11 computer access at the current time.

1           24.     The medium of claim 23, the program further comprising the step of:  
2           requesting permission for computer access at a time period for which the  
3 current user is not authorized.

1           25.     The medium of claim 23, the program further comprising the step of:  
2 remotely accessing the at least one user profile to configure the time restrictions  
3 wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is accessible by the  
4 World Wide Web.

1           26.     The medium of claim 23, wherein the time restrictions include access  
2 times that the respective user of the user profile is authorized to access the computer.

1           27.     The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times a specific time of  
2 day that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1           28.     The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration  
2 of time that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1           29.     The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a specific  
2 time of day that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1           30.     The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration  
2     of time that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1           31.     The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times a specific time of  
2     day that the respective user can access a content category.

1           32.     The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration  
2     of time that the respective user can access a content category.